

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.**

**Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:**

A pneumatic tire including a tread provided with a plurality of blocks. Tread surfaces of the blocks 18 are provided with second arcuate portions 20B, which have a center of curvature outside of the tire, at a leading edge 18f side and a trailing edge 18k side of a first arcuate portion 20A, which has a center of curvature inside of the tire. With this configuration, bending deformation of the entire block can be suppressed by delaying a timing of ground contacting at the time of contact, so that the bending deformation in a direction opposite to a rotational direction of the tire, generated in the vicinity of the trailing edge 18k right before leaving, thus suppressing heel-and-toe wear in the block.

**Please replace paragraph 18 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

The invention according to ~~claim 1~~ a first aspect is a pneumatic tire including a tread provided with a plurality of blocks divided by a plurality of circumferential main grooves extending in a tire circumferential direction and lateral grooves intersecting the circumferential main grooves, the pneumatic tire being characterized in that: a block height of each block is gradually reduced from a central portion of the block in the circumferential direction toward a leading edge and a trailing edge, and at least a profile line of a tread surface has a recess dented inward in a tire radial direction beyond a virtual line connecting a first position, at which the block height begins to be gradually reduced, and a block edge of the block in the tire circumferential direction between the first position and the block edge, as viewed in a cross section perpendicular to a rotational axis of the tire.

**Please replace paragraph 19 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

Next, the operation of the pneumatic tire according to the first aspect ~~claim 1~~ will be explained.

**Please replace paragraph 24 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

The invention according to a second aspect ~~claim 2~~ is a pneumatic tire including a tread provided with a plurality of blocks divided by a plurality of circumferential main grooves extending in a tire circumferential direction and lateral grooves intersecting the circumferential main grooves, the pneumatic tire being characterized in that: a block height of each block is gradually reduced from a central portion of the block in the circumferential direction toward a leading edge and a trailing edge, and at least a profile line of a tread surface includes a first arcuate portion, which is formed at the central portion of the block in the circumferential direction and which has a center of curvature inside of the tire, and second arcuate portions,

which are formed at both sides of the first arcuate portion in the tire circumferential direction and which have a center of curvature outside of the tire, as viewed in a cross section perpendicular to a rotational axis of a tire.

**Please replace paragraph 25 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

Next, the operation of the pneumatic tire according to ~~claim~~the second aspect<sup>2</sup> will be explained.

**Please replace paragraph 30 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

The invention according to a third aspect~~claim 3~~ is a pneumatic tire according to the first or second aspects~~claim 1 or claim 2~~, characterized in that the following relationship is satisfied:  $0.04 \leq H/R \leq 0.06$ , wherein H designates a maximum height of the block, and R designates a tire radius measured at the central portion of the tread surface of the block.

**Please replace paragraph 31 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

Next, the operation of the pneumatic tire according to ~~claim 3~~the third aspect will be explained.

**Please replace paragraph 36 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

The pneumatic tire according to ~~claim~~the third aspect<sup>3</sup> is structured as described above, and thus has an excellent effect that the effect according to the present invention can be sufficiently exhibited.

**Please replace paragraph 37 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

The invention according to ~~claim 4~~the fourth aspect is a pneumatic tire according to any one of ~~claims 1 to 3~~the first three aspects, characterized in that the following relationship is satisfied:  $0.02H \leq d \leq 0.07H$ , wherein H designates a maximum height of the block; and d is

equal to  $H - h_e$  and designates an amount of depth, where  $h_e$  denotes a block height at the leading edge and the trailing edge.

**Please replace paragraph 38 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

Next, the operation of the pneumatic tire according to ~~claim 4a~~ fourth aspect will be explained.

**Please replace paragraph 41 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

The pneumatic tire according to ~~claim 4a~~ fourth aspect is structured as described above, and thus has an excellent effect that the heel-and-toe wear suppressing effect according to the present invention can be securely exhibited without any degradation of other performances.

**Please replace paragraph 42 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

The invention according to a fifth aspect~~claim 5~~ is a pneumatic tire according to any one of ~~claims the first four aspects 1 to 4~~, characterized in that a low region satisfying the relationship of an average block height  $h_L \leq h_e + (H - h_e) \times 0.2$ , where  $H$  designates a maximum height of the block and  $h_e$  designates a block height at the leading edge and the trailing edge, is formed from the leading edge for a length of at least  $H/5$  toward the central portion of the block in the circumferential direction and from the trailing edge for a length of at least  $H/5$  toward the central portion of the block in the circumferential direction.

**Please replace paragraph 43 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

Next, the operation of the pneumatic tire according to ~~claim the fifth aspect 5~~ will be explained.

**Please replace paragraph 45 of the present Specification with the following paragraph:**

The pneumatic tire according to ~~claim~~the fifth aspect<sup>5</sup> is structured as described above, and thus has an excellent effect that the heel-and-toe wear suppressing effect in the high block can be securely exhibited.